



Mark Daniel Ames

April 2, 1966 - September 27, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved brother, Mark Daniel Ames, who left us on September 27, 2025, at the age of 59. He was born on April 2, 1966, in L'Anse, Michigan, to Herbert and Patricia (Manville) Ames.

Mark was a gentle soul who moved through life with quiet kindness and a deep love for the simple joys that made his world whole. Music was his favorite hobby, whether it was listening to an album, discovering new artists, or revisiting the classics, he found peace and meaning in every note. He loved working on his turntables, tape recorders and tuners.

He also shared a special bond with his cat, Luna, who was more than a pet, she was a true companion through all of life's ups and downs. Their time together was a reflection of his gentle spirit and the joy that simple things brought him.

Mark will be remembered for his warm presence, thoughtful conversations, and the sheer happiness he showed each family member or friend when visiting with him. He was a devoted brother, a loyal friend, and someone who truly listened.

Mark is survived by his father, Herbert Ames of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan,

sisters, Lisa (David) Belanger of Sault Ste. Marie, Sara (John) Brannan of Edmonds, Washington, Rachel Ames of Racine, Wisconsin, Rebecca (Mike) Smith of Dafer, Michigan; sister in-law, Stephanie Ames of Columbus, Georgia; and his close friend, Donna Irvin of Marinette, Wisconsin.

Mark was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Ames; and brother, Michael Ames.

Though he may be gone from our sight, we will cherish our memories of happier times shared over pizza and watching the Green Bay Packers.

Per Mark's wishes, no services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

Rest easy, Mark. Your song plays on.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Sault Ste. Marie assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Mark would call Uncle Jim on occasion to enquire about his cousins and other uncles. A caring man. Having lost my own brother recently, I empathize with your loss. Condolences to you and your families. Aunt Kathy*

Kathy Manville - October 03, 2025 at 07:13 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I remember him when I was younger. Condolences sent to your family!*

David Gilbert - October 02, 2025 at 11:01 AM

DB

“ *We are very saddened to hear of Mark's passing, our cousin and friend. We have stayed in contact with him over the years and he always called his Aunt (our Mother) to check in on her and the rest of us. Keith would stop in Marinette to check on him, when passing through Wisconsin, and see if he needed anything. Mark saw my husband the bus driver, when he took the bus to the Sault. Mark always asked about us and talked most of the ride with him! He was a very kind and loving person. We have a lot of wonderful memories of Mark and his caring compassion for everyone. We will miss you Mark. Spread your wings and fly high.... until we meet again. We love you. Deb, Marlene, Karen and Keith*

Deborah Ann Beukema - October 01, 2025 at 01:39 PM

KR

“ Mark was one of the most interesting people I’ve ever met. Aside from his life challenges he never complained and yet was always so nice, kind and soft spoken. He was a master of random facts and obscure life memories. You never knew what he was going to say... and sometimes his timing wasn’t that great when he would say things off the cuff, but that was just another reason that made him so interesting! I will surely miss his laugh, sense of humor and the way he made me feel. I will miss him dearly.

Ken Raihala - September 30, 2025 at 08:11 PM

LH

I graduated high school with Mark and enjoying talking to him when we did talk back then. He was very quiet and very intelligent. Sending prayers to Marks family and friends

Lee Ann Hank - September 30, 2025 at 09:06 PM

SA

“ Mark, I will so deeply miss your cheerful voice on the phone , “Hello, Stephanie! This is your brother-in-law, Mark!” I’ll cherish the long phone calls, searching together for the little parts you needed for your vacuum or turntable. You loved Michael so dearly and were always so proud of his military service - those conversations meant the world to you both. We love you, Mark. Please hold Michael close and give him a hug from me❤️.

Stephanie Ames - September 30, 2025 at 03:09 PM

KR

That’s funny. When he would call me he would say “hello, Ken...this is Rachel’s brother Mark” - lol

Ken Raihala - September 30, 2025 at 08:14 PM

DM

“ In years past, Mark used to call me at least once a month asking about the turntable or if I had some really good speakers or some other type of musical gadget that he could use I always use them for some tobacco to own cigarettes. We had our last deep conversation at his brother Michael’s Memorial service he will truly be missed. God has a very gentle and kind person at a side now.

David Manville - September 30, 2025 at 03:01 PM

JL

Sorry for your loss 🙏❤️
May your memories get you through this difficult time. 🙏

Janisse Laho - October 03, 2025 at 10:17 AM